

BAY VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CONNECTION Newsletter

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.™

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings in Christ,

As I thought about the month of October I kept thinking about Trick or Treating. As a child I remember dressing up in many costumes and after school going around the city, ringing door bells, excited to get a few pieces of candy, and then finally heading home for the great reveal. I don't know about you but my sister and I each had a pillow case pretty full of candy. We would sit on the living room floor as our parents watched in great anticipation as our two piles filled the floor. Then came the safety check—throwing away any unwrapped candies or even looking for any type of hole in the wrapper. This taught me much about our society even as a child. The truth was that there were not so nice people out there somewhere willing to cause harm to even children. Of course believe it or not that was over 25 years ago. It has only become worse for children who trick or treat today.

Enough talk about candy. Let us talk about costumes. For us this is the one day that we can use our imaginations. We can become anyone or anything that we choose. Some choose the fun and cute route while others choose the dark and scary route. As a child I never wanted to celebrate Halloween because it was “Satan's birthday”. Yet what I did want to do was dress up and get lots of candy. I wanted the treat but never considered the tricks.

I will spare us the history of Halloween or really known as Hallow's Eve preparing us for All Saints Day to remember those who have died. Let us go back to the idea of costumes. If you dressed up as a child, or I guess even as an adult which is really popular in today's world, why did you choose the costume you wore? What were your dreams or hopes as that character or object? In that costume did it ever cross your mind to use your new powers through imagination to create a better world?

As Christians there is this great image that in our baptisms we move beyond our old self of sin, without a relationship with God, and even remembering that we die with Christ in order to rise with Christ. We take on a new self. We now embrace our uniqueness made in the image of God.

I am reminded of the words of Paul to the Colossians which reads, “As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.” (Colossians 3:12-14, NRSV)

If one were to choose these ways of life to dress up as for trick or treating, what would that look like? How would one know that someone represented compassion and kindness? I think it is well worth our time to further explore these questions. What if there were less tricks and more acts of mercy and justice?

John Wesley invited Methodists to live acts of mercy and acts of piety. It was about loving God...

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...and loving neighbor. When we pray, read our Bibles, attend worship, reflect on what is being preached, feeding the hungry, visiting those who are sick it moves us into Christian perfection, knowing that we cannot become perfect in this lifetime but rather each day of our lives we move closer to God and express more love for our neighbor each day.

So my invitations is this--rather than dressing up for one day let us choose to dress as Christians every day who live compassion and mercy for all people. Learning to embrace our godliness. May you know that I walk with you and may you walk with me in this journey.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kevin

## Upcoming Events

### October 19th:

Saturday, 10/19 at 1pm

Blessing of the Animals Service

BVUMC Parking Lot

Please bring your pets on leashes or in cages for our special animal blessing service!

### October 22nd:

Wednesday, 10/22

Loving Start Preschool Fundraiser

Classic Slice Pizza: 2797 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

15% of sales go directly to LSP! Lunch or dinner, eat in or carry out. Deliveries after 4pm included.

### October 23rd:

Wednesday, 10/23 at 7:30pm

HamBingo

Hamburger Mary's: 730-734 S 5th St, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Food, prizes, and FUN-draising for BVUMC.

### October 26th:

Saturday, 10/26 at 7pm

A Cappella Choir of Hamline

ML Sanctuary

Enjoy a night of beautiful music by A Cappella Choir of Hamline in the ML Sanctuary.

### November 2nd:

Saturday, 11/2 from 9am - noon

Hunger Task Force: Stockboxes

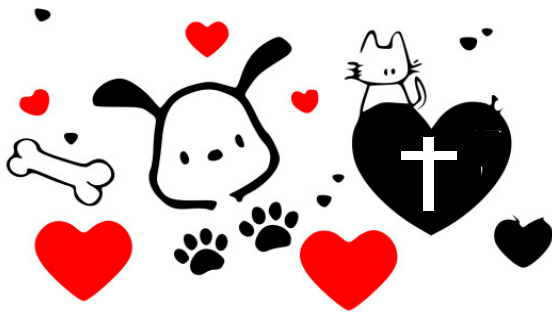
300 E. College Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Help prepare Stockboxes for hungry seniors in need. Sign-up at Events Board.

# Divine Intervention: SOS

Every Friday from 6pm-7pm in October -  
ML Gathering Space

BVUMC is hosting the DI: SOS meal program every Friday night in October! We are in need of 2 friendly, welcoming hosts from 5:30pm til about 7:30pm to help with set up, welcoming in our dinner guests, and clean up afterward. Prayer will be offered as well. Please sign-up at the Events Board if you are able to help out.



## Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 19th at 1pm - BVUMC Parking Lot

Bring your pets on leashes or in cages for a special animal blessing service! Fellowship and snacks (human and pet) will be provided. Prayers will be said for each pet personally. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors—especially their pets.



## Loving Start Preschool Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 22nd - Classic Slice Pizza

Help support Loving Start Preschool while enjoying Classic Slice Pizza! 15% of sales on Wednesday, 10/22 will go directly toward the Loving Start Preschool program. This fundraiser applies to all sales during lunch and dinner (in-lobby or carry-out), and includes delivery sales after 4pm. Spread the word to help Loving Start Preschool make this fundraiser a success!



## HamBingo FUN-draiser

Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30pm - Hamburger Mary's

Enjoy a night of fun, food, prizes and entertainment all while helping to support our Church! Don't miss out on the fun. There is a \$10 suggested donation to play bingo with our church family. "Eat. Drink. And be Mary." Meet us for dinner at Hamburger Mary's, located at 730-734 S. 5th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204.



# October is **Pastor Appreciation** Month



*Feel free to show your appreciation in a way that is special & unique to you!*

## “Mittens and More” Community Service Drive

Donations Accepted Through October in the ML Gathering Space

Last year, Milwaukee PBS collected mittens, gloves, hats and scarves of all sizes for children and families in need with the help of donations from the community. Unfortunately, the need for these items has always exceeded the supply— that’s why we are happy to accept donations here at BVUMC to help those in need keep warm during the Winter season!

We will be accepting donations through the month of October. Please contact Diane Evans with any questions at (781) 424-1504 (text preferred), or [dbevans2@icloud.com](mailto:dbevans2@icloud.com).

## Bay View Pumpkin Pavilion

October 16th - 19th at Humboldt Park

The Bay View Neighborhood Association, along with Bill Rouleau, Pumpkin Pavilion Creator, would like to invite you and your family to this annual Bay View tradition. This four-day, family-friendly event brings over 2,000 Bay View residents and Milwaukee neighbors to Humboldt Park Pavilion.

Guests come to carve pumpkins, admire the display of 1,000 lit pumpkins, enjoy live music, eat local food, and embrace the fun that is Halloween. Since its inception, the Pumpkin Pavilion has added attractions, displays and new events each year! For more info, visit: <https://bayviewneighborhood.org/pumpkinpavilion>.

**PUMPKIN CARVING**  
**HORSE-DRAWN HAYRIDES**  
**MAGICIAN TOM BURGERMEISTER**  
**PRISMATIC FLAME FIRE DANCERS**  
**THE GREAT PUMPKIN CHASE 5K**  
**MUSIC, FOOD & FUN!**

**GRAND LIGHTING OF THE PUMPKINS**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 7:00 P.M.

**PUMPKIN BAY VIEW PAVILION**

**October 16-19, 2019**  
HUMBOLDT PARK BAND CHALET **BAY VIEW**

# Roof Update

Bob Schaefer constructed beautiful garden ornaments from copper materials from our old roof! They were sold at the Silent Auction and Bay View Gallery Night, with all proceeds going toward our roof balance.

Check out the progress board and goal thermometer in the ML Gathering Space! Thank you for keeping our roof commitment in mind as you prayerfully give. We want to keep our Church building stable, strong and safe for generations to come.



## Stewardship – October 2019

“In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35) I recently came across a quotation by David Starr Jordan, founding President of Stanford University: “Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it.” It caused me to think about how this applies to generosity.

*Knowing That I Should Give:* God calls us all to worship God and support the church. Stewardship is faithful management of all God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and extend Christ’s transforming love to others. We are told in Scripture that “God loves a cheerful giver” and that “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

*Knowing How to Determine What I Should Give:* Scripture informs us to love God and love others. Thus, we should divide our giving between the two. The amount to give to God through the church is the tithe, ten percent of our income. In order to reach the tithe, we should prayerfully consider what proportion of income to give, then strive to increase toward the goal of tithing, usually by about one percent of income per year. Although some of our tithe will go to the needy, we should consider another proportion of income to give to those in need. The real issue is not whether we give 10%, but what we will do with the entire 100%. John Wesley believed in the spiritual discipline summed up as “earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” Wesley believed that after earning money honestly and spending only what we need on our families and ourselves, we should give the rest away. Surely, using this approach, he would anticipate that our giving would be much more than the tithe of ten percent. His was.

-Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

# Kelly Heipel

Happy October!

I'd like to send a huge thank you to the artists and volunteers for Bay View Gallery Night! It was a wonderful evening, with lots of patrons stopping in, and the artists were able to sell many of their pieces. We were excited to be a part of such a special community event!

We have some more fun events coming up and I hope that you will be able to join us (see below)! We are still in need of donations for HamBingo prizes and Secret Angel Gift Shoppe. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them in the office or contact me at [Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org](mailto:Kelly.heipel@bayviewumc.org).



## Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, October 23rd —HamBingo at Hamburger Mary's (730-734 S 5th St, Milwaukee, WI 53204)
- Saturday, December 14th—Secret Angel Gift Shoppe

Thank you, Church!

-Kelly Heipel



# Daylight Savings Time

**Reminder to set your  
clocks back on Sunday  
11/3 at 2:00am!**

## Hunger Task Force: Stockboxes

Hunger Task Force relies on volunteers to build Stockboxes for Seniors in need. A Stockbox is a box filled with healthy foods that is provided to low-income Seniors free of charge.

Each box contains 16 healthy, nutritious items which include cereal, rice, juice, pasta, vegetables and beef stew. 9,000 boxes are delivered to seniors throughout Southeastern Wisconsin every month!

On Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 9am-noon they will need 25 volunteers to help with packing Stockboxes. Contact Diane Evans with any questions: (781) 424-1504 (text preferred), or [dbevans2@icloud.com](mailto:dbevans2@icloud.com).

Please sign up at the Events Board today!



## Divine Intervention: New Host Orientation/Training

Sunday, November 3rd from 2pm - 5pm

Tippecanoe Church: 125 W. Saveland Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Help out by serving as a nightly host. Hosts are required to attend annual training. Your commitment of one night of ministry makes it possible for twenty people to receive safe accommodations and personal support. You can host anywhere between once a week and once a month. It's never inconvenient, it's always life changing, and it isn't hard to do!

This training is a great way to find out more about Tippecanoe's Prayer Vigils, and to explore if this may be the right fit for you on our journey of faithfulness. Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless is a collaborative mission of 56 faith communities. Involvement with the Divine Intervention program will provide you with the opportunity to minister to the homeless in our community, and help you to deepen your personal ministry via serving the needs of the people in our community.

## the Laughing Circle



A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

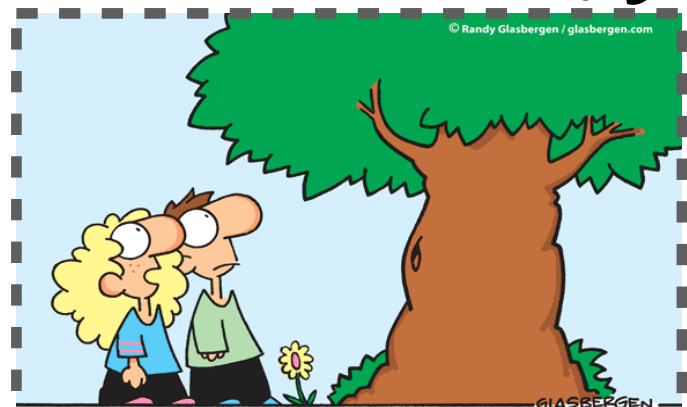


Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.'

'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'



"If leaves can turn orange for Halloween, why can't they turn pink and purple for Easter?"



# Bread & Jam

Thank you to all who help and support the Bread & Jam Community Meal Program. We simply cannot run this program without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

There is also a sign up for volunteering on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm - 5:00pm to help serve meals. We need volunteers **every Sunday**, so please don't hesitate to look for a date where we could use your help! Talk to Jan Kosanke on Sunday morning, or e-mail her at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org).

For more information, please contact Jan Kosanke at [breadandjam@bayviewumc.org](mailto:breadandjam@bayviewumc.org)



<b>September</b>	Meals Served	Bag Lunches Served
9/1	65	50
9/8	59	63
9/15	52	50
9/22	66	50
9/29	77	50



Sign up on the events board or use the QR code.



## 2019 September Giving Record

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Rec'd This Month</b>	<b>Needed Monthly</b>	<b>(Short)/ Over This Month</b>	<b>Rec'd This Year</b>	<b>Needed So Far This Year</b>	<b>(Short)/ Over This Year</b>
<b>General</b>	\$11,534	\$17,308	\$5,774	\$80,608	\$103,848	\$23,240
<b>Apportionment</b>	\$1,177	\$2,609	\$1,432	\$6,525	\$15,654	\$9,129
<b>Totals</b>	\$12,711	\$19,917	\$7,206	\$87,133	\$119,502	\$32,369

Loving Start Preschool is off to a good start with lots of fun activities. We have many new students as well as returning families.



Last month we had an all-school picnic at South Shore Park welcoming 28 families and we participated in Bay View Bash with a bean bag toss game!

October will be a very busy month as well with our Class Picture Day, Vision Screening, a field trip to Outpost Foods and our very first Classic Slice Pizza fundraiser on Oct. 22nd in which we will get 15% of all sales that day including deliveries. How yummy is that?!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Annie, Ms. Mary and Ms. Karen

## October Birthdays

**October 3**

Kathleen Kronenberg

**October 5**

Shirley Mae Zoeller

**October 6**

Brenda Comp

**October 7**

Dave Haefner

Kate Krempel

**October 9**

Marianna Bernal

Robin Collins

**October 11**

Sally Warkaske

**October 14**

Kelly Heipel

**October 15**

Gregory Decker

Louise Feiertag

**October 19**

Angela Jackson

John Stroleny

**October 21**

Harlan Tranmal

**October 24**

Carol Ann Kucharski

**October 28**

Scott Elliot

Hertha Kornkven

**October 30**

Thomas Lelivelt

**October 31**

Kim Elliot



# October 2019

KEY:

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
 ALB: Accountable Leadership Board  
 FSF: First Sunday Forum - Missions  
 LSP: Loving Start Preschool

MLCS: Main Level Concert Series  
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous  
 PEP: People Enjoying People  
 SECA: South East Clergy  
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations  
 WBC: Wesleyan Bell Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg	2 10am Bible Study 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	3 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	4 6pm DI SOS 7pm NA Mtg  <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	5 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
6 8:15am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:45am Worship w/ Faith Singers 2pm Grief Share 2:30pm Bread & Jam 7pm AA Mtg	7 6:30pm District 28 Mtg 7pm AA Mtg	8 10am AA Mtg 5:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal	9 10am Bible Study 12:30pm Cards Ministry 6:15pm Faith Singers Rehearsal	10 6:45pm WBC Rehearsal 7pm AA Mtg 7pm Bay View Central	11 6pm DI SOS 7pm NA Mtg  <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	12 10:30am AA Mtg Women's Freedom
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*October*

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We're on the web:  
[bayviewumc.org](http://bayviewumc.org)



== Hope is here. ♥ Love is here. ♡ Family is here.

### WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS:

8:15am Worship  
10:45am Worship



*Please Recycle*

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday  
9am - 3pm